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Looming out above all monarchs and personalities, that of the Kaiser stands distinct. He is always war lord and ruler. As Court Photographer to the Emperor and Empress I was often summoned to Berlin to take photographs. On all these occasions the Kaiser insisted on personally paying the hotel bills for myself and assistants. self and assistants.

My last experience in photographing the Kaiser is typical. I was peremptorily summoned to Berlin and informed that the Kaiser desired a number of sittings. At that time the Kaiser was sitting to two painters, one Fleishman, the other an artist whose name I do not remember. With whose name I do not remember. With three assistants, whom I got so as to work quickly. I went to the palace one morning. We waited for five min-utes in one of the ante-rooms. The two artists sat before their easels. Finally the door opened. The Kaiser, in the uniform of Hungarian Hussars,

"Good morning, gentlemen," he said. His voice was resonant, commanding. In every gesture he showed the perfection of military affectation. His gaze devoured us. When the Kaiser speaks he looks direct and deeply into your eyes. You feel he reads your mind.

reads your mind.

"Where is the Court Photographer?" he said. I came forward.

"Where shall I stand—where is the light best?" he asked. It was as if he were giving a military order.

THE KAISER took his place. When he is photographed he voluntarily assumes the poses desired; he alters his expression as he wills; then he commands. He refuses to be photographed sitting; this position, in his opinion, lacking dignity. He likes photographs which reveal him with a tense commanding expression. Before the camera, from what I have observed, his main thought is of the effect his picture shall have, first, upon the army, and then upon the people. Because of the two artists who had begun work at their easels I had difficulty in properly placing and focusing my camera. The Kaiser at once saw this. at once saw this.

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"Baumann is nervous," said he.
And addressing the artists, he commanded, "Gentlemen, please make place for the Court Photographer."

They retired. I moved the camera to various positions, working as quickly as possible, the three assistants handing me plates.

The Kaiser assumed one position

The Kaiser assumed one position after another, turning this way and that. He had already thought out the poses he desired; knew exactly what he wanted. Master of the situation even before the camera, he changed his posture and expression with the art of a consummate actor. He was very particular about the curl of his moustache, often between exposures giving the ends a stiff upward twirl with his fingers.

"All right: go ahead, Baumann." It was like taking a moving picture. Plates changed between me and my

rates changed between the and my assistants with slight-of-hand agility.

"Enough!" finally declared the Kaiser. In forty minutes I had taken thirty-five different photographs, all in different positions.

touching. He was particularly fas-tidious that every vestige of creases be touched out from his clothes, espe-cially the sleeves. Most of the photographs showed him serious and grim of visage. Evidently he was pleased. His order that time amounted to \$1500. A number of enlargements were ordered for his regiments. Of all the photographs taken, those se-lected for this purpose represented him as being most rigidly command-ing and formidably severe. Without question the Kaiser is a profound neverbologist psychologist





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